

(k) The term "person" shall mean any individual, association, partnership, firm, corporation, private organization, or the State of North Carolina or any political subdivision of the State or any unit of local government."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 95-69.10 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 95-69.10. Application of Article; exemptions.**

(a) This Article shall apply to all boilers and pressure vessels constructed, used, or designed for operation in this State including all new and existing installations which are operated in connection with business buildings, institutional buildings, industrial buildings, assembly buildings, educational buildings, public residential buildings, recreation buildings, other public buildings, and water supplies. This Article shall also apply to boilers and hot water supply tanks, and heaters located in hotels, motels, tourist courts, camps, cottages, resort lodges, and similar places whenever the owner or operator advertises in any manner for transit patronage, or solicits such business for temporary abode by transit patrons.

(b) This Article shall not apply to:

- (1) Boilers and pressure vessels owned ~~and/or or~~ operated by the federal ~~government-government~~, unless the agency in question has asked for coverage by this Article.
- (2) Pressure vessels used for transportation or storage of compressed gases when constructed in compliance with the specifications of the United States Department of Transportation and when charged with gas marked, maintained, and periodically requalified for use, as required by appropriate regulations of the United States Department of Transportation.
- (3) Portable pressure vessels used for agricultural purposes only or for pumping or drilling in an open field for water, gas or coal, gold, talc, or other minerals and metals.
- (4) Boilers and pressure vessels which are located in private residences or in apartment houses of less than six families.
- (5) Pressure vessels used for transportation or storage of liquified petroleum gas.
- (6) Air tanks located on vehicles licensed under the rules and regulations of other state authorities operating under rules and regulations substantially similar to those of this State and used for carrying passengers or freight within interstate commerce.
- (7) Air tanks installed on right-of-way of railroads and used directly in the operation of trains.
- (8) ~~Pressure vessels that do not exceed five cubic feet in volume and 250 PSIG pressure; or one and one half cubic feet in volume and 600 PSIG pressure; or an inside diameter of six inches with no limitations on pressure.~~ Any of the following pressure vessels that do not exceed the listed limitations if the vessel is not equipped with a quick actuating closure:
  - a. Five cubic feet in volume and 250 psig.
  - b. Three cubic feet in volume and 350 psig.
  - c. One and one-half cubic feet in volume and 600 psig.
  - d. An inside diameter of six inches with no limitation on pressure.
- (9) Pressure vessels operating at a working pressure not exceeding 15 ~~PSIG pressure-psig.~~